

Animal Shelter Board Meeting Minutes

10 May 2022 @ 6:00 pm

Carter County Courthouse

The Animal Shelter Board met on 10 May 2022 @ 6 pm at the Carter County Courthouse

Chairman Mike Barnett called meeting to order.

Chairman Mike Barnett asked for roll call. Members present was Chairman Mike Barnett, Kelly Collins, Sonja Culler, Mike Simerly and Wes Frazier. Members absent was Dr. Bob Acuff and Mayor Curt Alexander.

Motion was made by Sonja Culler to accept minutes as presented. Motion was second by Mike Simerly. All present voted Aye. Members absent from vote was Mayor Curt Alexander and Wes Frazier attended meeting a few minutes late.

Chairman Mike Barnett asked shelter director to give some shelter updates. Director Shannon Posada gave the current numbers for the shelter as followed:

March 2022

Cat intakes 71 Dog intakes 73

Cat RTO 1 Dog RTO 24

Cats adopted 30 Dogs adopted 55

April 2022

Cat intakes 78 Dog intakes 54

Cat RTO 0 Dog RTO 23

Cats adopted 28 Dogs adopted 50

Current numbers Cats 123 Dogs 40

Cats and kittens in foster 16 Dogs in foster 2

Director Posada stated due to current population the shelter would be having special adoption events throughout the upcoming months. Director Posada stated there was a Petsence adoption event on 21 May 2022. Director Posada stated the shelter is increasing with puppies & kittens.

Chairman Mike Barnett discussed meeting with the city for a recommendation on how to get the existing grinder pump replaced/ repaired correctly. Chairman Mike Barnett explained he had spoke with a plumber and had discussed moving the current lines to the grinder pump. Chairman Barnett discussed the different attempts that had been made by the contractor, engineer, and plumbers that has yet to fix the problem. Chairman Barnett explained he plans on meeting with plumber and City of Elizabethton to obtain a plan of action going forward.

Director Posada gave a copy of a letter she had received at the shelter addressed to the shelter and a separate letter addressed to the Animal Shelter Board members regarding 911 calls issues. The letter was from the 911 board attorney Regina Shepherd. Director Posada stated she wasn't aware there was an issue with 911 calls until she received the letter. Director Posada stated that the calls that come into the shelter during regular business hours are handled by staff and ACO officer. Director Posada stated the shelter staff refers calls that are possible neglect, cruelty or abuse cases to 911 for an officer to respond. Director Posada also expressed her concerns of who deemed each call an emergency or non-emergency. Director Posada said different people have different opinions of what is an emergency and what is not. Board members discussed possibilities of handling 911 calls. Director Posada stated there is only one ACO for the entire county and is expected to answer calls 24 hours a day now. Director Posada recommended to board members to have a meeting with county & city attorneys along with ASB members, 911 attorney & board members to discuss correcting any existing issues. Board members discussed both city and county fund 911. Board members requested to reach out to county & city attorneys for opinions of moving forward.

Mike Barnett asked board members the statues of the operational agreement between the city and county. Board members advised to their knowledge no meeting had been set for further discussion. City board members agreed no meeting had been scheduled at this time. Director Posada stated she had presented the proposed 2022-2023 budget to the budget committee. Dr. Posada stated she was happy to say the Animal Shelter was not asking for no new money from city or county on the proposed presented budget. Director Posada stated her appreciation for the Friends of the Shelter group for helping the shelter throughout this fiscal year. Director Posada state the Friends group had made several improvements to the shelter and completed projects that created a healthier environment for the animals at the shelter. Director Posada stated because of the Friends Group has helped so much, the shelter has not had to ask the county commission for no extra money.

Board members discussed the possibilities is spay & neuter facility. Board members all agreed our community is in much need of a spay & neuter facility. Board members all agreed how much our community would benefit from the spay & neuter facility.

Next Animal Shelter Board meeting was set for 14 June 2022.

Motion was made by Sonja Culler to adjourn.

Approved By


